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## IN STRIKING DISTANCE

Naval Force Will Be Placed Off the Isthmus.

## GETTING IN READINESS

PUBLIC OPINION IN COLOMBIA CONDEMNS US.

Gen. Reyes Cables Bogota That Americans Prevented Landing of Himself and Party at Colon.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., November 23.—Naval officers on this station expect that there will be, within the next few weeks, a formidable American naval force off the Isthmus of Panama and within easy striking distance of the Colombian coast. The marine officers are especially expectant of orders to proceed to the isthmus, in the event of hostilities, the marines now on the Isthmus would scarcely be sufficient to occupy the territory necessary to be guarded.

To Be Within Easy Reach.

The North Atlantic squadron is expected in these waters in about a week now, and it is stated that its regular winter evolutions in the Caribbean sea will be put forward by at least a month in order that it may be within easy reach of the scene of any war in the event that Colombia should declare war.

The naval colliers now at this yard will immediately be prepared for sea. They will accompany the fleet, and after it has arrived in southern waters will make frequent trips between the isthmus and this naval station.

One sailing of the Olympia for the south, to join the squadron of which she is the flagship, will be followed by the dispatch of other vessels from this station.

Preparing for a Long Voyage.

The vessels of the first torpedo flotilla, which sailed from this yard last week to await in Hampton Roads the arrival of the Buffalo, which is to convey them to Manila, are limbering up their machinery preparatory to starting on their long voyage.

They have gone up the Chesapeake on a run to Harter Island. They will return in time to join the Buffalo.

She is expected back with the joint army and navy board, which has been inspecting our southern outposts, in a few days.

UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

Gen. Reyes Cables to Bogota That He Wasn't Permitted to Land.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Tuesday, November 23.—Gen. Reyes cabled to the Colombian government, Sunday, from Port Limon, Costa Rica, that he was unable to do anything regarding the canal with the Panama commission at the conference held November 20 on board the French steamer Canada, off Colon. He added:

"The Americans prevented us from landing at Colon. Admiral Coghlan informed me that he had instructions from Washington to prevent Colombian troops from landing on the coast of the isthmus."

Colombian public opinion strongly condemns the attitude of the government at Washington, which is claimed to be indirectly helping the secession movement in Panama.

PORTS ARE CLOSED.

Italian Steamer Venezuela Confirms Report From Colombia.

COLON, November 23, 10 a.m.—The Italian steamer Venezuela, which arrived here today from Savanilla, confirms the previous statements to the effect that Cartagena and Savanilla are closed to steamers going to or coming from Colon.

The Venezuela agent at Savanilla reported that the Venezuela was not aware of the closing of the ports, and asked as a special favor that a Colombian clearance be granted.

The authorities acquiesced, but said they could not do so again. The decree closing the ports of Cartagena and Savanilla originated with the government of the department of Bolivar. The protests of the foreign consuls and steamship agents are still unanswered.

APPEAL TO FRANCE.

Colombia Will Protest Against Action of United States.

PARIS, November 23.—The French foreign office has received notice from Colombia, through her representatives here, that she will submit a protest against the action of the United States in connection with Panama. No action favorable to Colombia will be taken by the French government.

Senor Paez, the Colombian consul here, in an interview today said that if the mission of Gen. Reyes to Washington fails to secure a settlement honorable to Colombia he is certain Colombia will strenuously defend her independence.

The Venezuelan agent at Colombian colony here says that Colombia intends to fight to the last extreme. One hundred thousand men, well armed and equipped, they assert, will be put in the field.

PRINCE HENRY PRESENT.

Vessel That Commander Peary May Purchase Arrives at Kiel.

KIEL, November 23.—The German Antarctic exploring steamer Gauss, which Commander Peary, U. S. N., may possibly purchase for his north pole expedition, arrived here today.

Prince Henry of Prussia was among those present at the welcoming ceremonies on board the vessel. The under secretary of the interior greeted the members of the expedition in behalf of the government.

Prof. Drygalski, leader of the expedition, gave a short description of the work accomplished, as already known.

CONFUSION AMONG SHIPPERS.

Panama's Representative at San Francisco Not Recognized.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 23.—Considerable confusion has been created among shippers by the fact that Ramon Arias Fernandez, who has been appointed to represent the new republic of Panama in this city, has not been recognized by the official capacity by the collector of the port.

The latter has not yet been instructed to do so from Washington, although the Secretary of the Treasury has been wired for instructions. Up to the present the collector of the port has been using papers to protect the steamship companies engaged in trade with Panama.

## TAKES VOICE CULTURE

EMPEROR WILLIAM LEARNING THE RUDIMENTS.

Physicians Say He Will Regain His Speech Within a Few Weeks.

BERLIN, November 23.—Emperor William has changed his voice, modulating it so as to reduce the pressure on the vocal chords. He now speaks in a somewhat lower pitch, his utterances resonating against the cavities of the mouth.

He has not yet trained himself fully, and he may take the services of a teacher so that he can apply correctly the method taught in voice culture. His throat specialists have explained to him the theory of voice production, which he has practiced with considerable success.

Quits Old Way of Speaking.

The emperor, heretofore, has been using his larynx in the ordinary fashion, that is, expelling the air against the chords without counter pressure produced by a rebound from the resonating cavities. It will be possible, when the emperor's voice is trained completely, for him to speak easily, more clearly and longer without the slightest injurious strain.

The chords will be able to carry quite as far or even further.

Diseases May Be Obviated.

The emperor's advisers have accepted the theory of Dr. H. Holbrook Curtis, which has been made familiar to the German physicians by Prof. H. Krause, the throat specialist who attended the late Emperor Frederick. Prof. Krause believes that several throat diseases can be obviated and in some instances cured by using the voice scientifically.

Will Get His Voice Back.

New Palace.

"PORTSMOUTH, November 23, 1903. "The surgical wound on the left vocal chord has been scarred over since November 19. His majesty, the emperor and king, will still require careful use of his voice for a considerable time, until the scar becomes sufficiently firm."

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## HAS BEEN GIVEN UP

ALL THOUGHT OF ADJOURNING THE EXTRA SESSION.

It is Expected That House Committees Will Be Announced Next Week.

All thought of adjourning the extraordinary session seems now to have been abandoned. The House will meet Friday and will adjourn until the following Monday. It is expected that Speaker Cannon will announce the committees early next week and the House will go ahead with any business that may be brought before it.

Until the Senate either passes the Cuban bill or rejects that measure no proposition to adjourn the extra session will be entertained by the House of Representatives. This is the declared position of the leaders of that body today, and indicates no change in the position first taken by Speaker Cannon and his colleagues on this matter.

As this act has become understood by the leaders of the Senate, there is likely to be no effort made by that body to bring the extra session to an end until it lapses into the regular session, December 7.

Speaker Cannon is making all possible speed in the organization of the House. His work on the committee is progressing satisfactorily. Today he received the recommendations of Representative Williams, the democratic floor leader, for minority committee assignments, and this phase of the work was practically concluded at an extended conference with the minority leader and the Speaker. While Mr. Cannon will not announce the committees, these announcements are looked for Monday.

With the committees appointed there need be no lack of work in the House. Several thousand bills have been introduced at the present session, and these will be available for committee consideration, and, when passed on, for the consideration of the House.

The estimates from the various executive departments of the government, the regular session, are being received unofficially, and the necessary preliminary work on them may be done before the adjournment.

In taking their stand against adjourning the extra session until the Cuban legislation is disposed of House leaders declare that they have simply been waiting for the purpose for which the session was called, are acting in good faith and with no disposition to reflect in any way upon the Senate.

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Badly Strained Relations in New York Adjusted.

PLATT STILL LEADER

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED BY YESTERDAY'S CONFERENCE.

President Roosevelt Will Have Support of Party in Convention—Governor Not Interviewed.

NEW YORK, November 23.—Governor B. O. Odell spent a few hours in this city today on his return to Albany from Washington, where he conferred yesterday with President Roosevelt and Senator Thomas C. Platt about conditions in the republican party in this state.

Mr. Odell said that the conference had brought about harmony in place of the badly strained relations which had existed; that Senator Platt is still the leader of the party in the state, but that he himself would hereafter take a more active part in its management; that the restoration of cordial relations had been brought about by concessions on both sides and that further details of the conference "were not of interest to persons but to the party."

New York for Roosevelt.

In regard to the vote of this state in the republican national convention, he said that he had always expressed himself as believing that it would be given to President Roosevelt.

"Do you care to make any formal statement about the result of the conference at Washington yesterday?" the governor was asked.

"No, there is nothing I can say in that way," he replied. "We simply had a conference and arranged matters in a way satisfactory to both sides. Senator Platt is still the leader of the party in the state, but he has simply been waiting for the purpose for which the session was called, are acting in good faith and with no disposition to reflect in any way upon the Senate."

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## HARMONY IN NEW YORK.

COMPACT GIVES THEM BETTER WORKING HOURS.

Strikers Will Be Taken Back Without Prejudice—Status of Union Defined.

CHICAGO, November 23.—The Chicago street car men's strike was brought to a close today by the ratification by the men of a compact agreed upon by their leaders and the city authorities.

After thirteen days of turmoil service on the various lines of the Chicago City Railway Company, covering an area of fifty-two square miles, was resumed. The strikers met in Federation Hall, which has been their headquarters, and the place was crowded when President Buckley of the local organization called the meeting to order.

Newspaper Men Excluded.

The first act was to exclude newspaper men from the hall, and for nearly two hours thereafter the public was ignorant of the details of the proceedings. Sound, indicating that speeches were being made, and frequent cheering, gave evidence that the terms arranged by the strike leaders were acceptable.

The first news from the hall was that the men, by practically an unanimous vote, had accepted the proposition to arbitrate the matter of wages, the strike to be based on the best wages in other cities. Soon after a second announcement proclaimed the acceptance of the whole compact.

Ordered to Report for Work.

With this announcement came the statement that the union men had been ordered to report to the various barns ready to take out cars immediately.

The agreement as ratified by the men and previously accepted by representatives of the company, provides for the settlement of the wage question by a board of arbitration.

Their present wages are not to figure in the calculations, but instead the new scale is to be based on the market value of the men's services. As the company claims to be the best wages in the new arrangement it is thought, may not result in an advance in the pay of the employees.

Better Working Hours.

Clause II of the agreement provides for the betterment of working hours, the new running schedule to be arranged by the company in conference with a committee of trainmen.

The company retains the right to run as many cars as are necessary at all times, "endeavoring always," the agreement runs, "to make the work as agreeable to the men as is consistent with the performance of the service to the public."

The strike and last clause provides that the strikers shall be taken back without prejudice.

Status of the Union.

Membership in the union shall not constitute proper cause for discharge from the company's employment. With this exception, the company retains the right to play, discharge or discipline its employees as it sees fit.

The agreement was passed unanimously, but not without careful consideration. About two-thirds of the membership of the union was present.

Some dissent was expressed in the discussion by the cable men, but they raised no protest when the vote was called for. There was general satisfaction among the men, and the strike was over.

Commander Delano Here.

Will Take Physical Examination for Promotion to Captaincy.

Commander Francis H. Delano, who was relieved by Commander G. A. Merriam of command of the training ship Dixie at Colon a few weeks ago, arrived in this city this morning and reported to the Navy Department. He declines to discuss the situation on the isthmus, contenting himself with the remark that the trouble was not with the ship, but with the crew